

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit: 2626
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Applicants: BAKIS et al.) Examiner: Douglas C. Godbold
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Application No.: 10/695,979) AMENDMENT and RESPONSE to March
) 26, 2008 Non-Final Office Action
Filing Date: 10/29/2003)
) Docket No.: YOR920030379US1
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For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR) PTO Customer Number 48175
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Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed March 26, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.